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SUBJECT: ARREST OF CERTAIN NEWSPAPER STAFF MEMBERS

REF: SAIGON 1289

1. AS WAS INDICATED IN REFTEL IT SHOULD BE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT THE ARRESTS OF 15 STAFF MEMBERS OF SEVERAL SAIGON PUBLICATIONS WAS AN ACTION SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THE ONE-TIME CONFISCATION OF NINE DAILIES FOR PUBLISHING THE CHARGES AGAINST THE PRESIDENT PERSONALLY CONTAINED IN FATHER THANH'S "INDICTMENT NO. 2."

2. THE ARRESTS REPORTED IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL ARE THE RESULT OF AN INVESTIGATION WHICH BEGAN ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO WHEN SEVERAL VC CADRE UNDER JOURNALISTIC COVER WERE ARRESTED BY THE POLICE. THIS ACTION IS THEREFORE TOTALLY UNRELATED TO THE PRESS LAW. BACKGROUND INFORMATION SHOWING VC CONNECTIONS ON ELEVEN OF THE FIFTEEN PERSONS ARRESTED IS AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY AND BEING TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON THROUGH SEPARATE CHANNELS.

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3. FOREGOING WAS ALSO CONFIRMED TO CHARGE' THIS AFTERNOON BY FOREIGN MINISTER BAC WHO HAD JUST COME FROM A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WHERE THIS CASE WAS DISCUSSED. RECOGNIZING THE FALSE INTERPRETATIONS THAT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE PUT ON THIS ACTION TO THE EFFECT THAT THESE ARRESTS ARE SIMPLY ANOTHER STEP IN SUPPRESSION OF LEGITIMATE POLITICAL OPPOSITION, THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO MAKE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE SECURITY NATURE OF THIS CASE PUBLIC IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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